ncceiSary ste^s to sa'cjuard India's security and na!ional interest.

Area Occupied by China

2493. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PI be pleased *o state:

(a) the total area of Indb, jn square kilometres, illegally occupied by China, State-wise and Sector.wise;

(b) whether Minsar village of Lad-d ;kh in Jammu anj Kashmir, wi!h sizeable popu'alion, is situated well inside Western Tibet, on the Northern or North-we | . bo'.y i. Parvat;

(c) Jf so, whether Government have raised the issue of Minsar village with thwr Oums- coin: mar-s in thfir several rounds of ta'ks held in the past; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRi SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) The area under occupation by China in Jammu & Kashmir is approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan boundary agree, men:' of 1953, Pakistan illegally ceded approximate] | kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

fb) and ic~i During the India-China Officials level la'ks on the Boundary ioa in I960. Minsar vilbec «fl referred to by the two sides. The loca tion of tti' en described matery 200 kms. from I ikh and on the route to Maataro-var.

(d) Docs no: arise.

Arranjcmcnts for Ind'sn Community in llnr.g Ronff

2494. SHRIMATI URMILABENCHIMAN BHAI PATEL:Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased to state**:**

la) »he"her Government have asses-- Indian population, particularly 'ti community in Hong Kong;

(b) whether there is restlessness on the part of Indian community there, after handing over of Hong Kong lo Chinese Government on 1st July, 1997; and

(c) jf so, what arrangements Govern-ment bave made for lhe Indian commu-nity, in consultation with the Chinese Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINiSim OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): According to the information available with lhe Government, Ihere are appro-Indian origin resident in Hong Kong, of which aoout 22,000 are Indian passport hol-ders; the remaining hold British or third country documents. According to thL, information available with thj Con- suiate General of India, Hong Kong, ihe.e arc 'ely 1000 pet Gujaraii crigjn in Hong Km.; of whom about 600 are permanent residents.

(b) and (c) Government ha» not come acros reports of any par:icular sense of restlessness in the Indian community in Hong Kort; ;o!]owing the resumption of sovereignly by China July 1, 1997.

The Chinese and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) authorities have expressed appreciation of tho contribution o' ihc InJi; n .immunity to Hong Kong's economic development and its fodal and cultural life. The ChVf rxeoutiwj Officer off "•» HKSxR. Mr Tung Cbee-Hwa. has assured Government that the Indian community would coa!inue to he welcoaae in Hong Koruj

Sino-Indian Protasts against US vjodation of CTBT

2495. SHRI MATI VEENA VERMA

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAM-BHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plowed to slat*:

(a) whether Ormwrnment's »tt«niicw was drawn to the Chinese protect aaio*****